Target for providing Cellular Connections

35. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the BSNL has fixed any target for providing cellular connections in the year 2001;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether Government have any proposal for going by any fixed target in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) and (b) BSNL has planned to introduce Cellular Mobile Services in the country in the year 2001 in a phased manner, as and when any specific local network gets ready.

(c) In view of (a) and (b) above, the question does not arise.

(d) It is planned to provide 15 lakh lines of equipment for this service during the year 2001-02.

Encouragement of Hindi Correspondence in the Ministry of Communications

36. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of posts of Hindi Translators/Hindi Officers/ Assistants created in the Ministry and its allied PSUs/attached and subordinate offices for propagation of Hindi as official language and encouragement of Hindi Correspondences;

(b) the number of such posts lying vacant and since when; and

(c) the reasons therefor and the steps taken to fill up such posts urgently?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) to (c) Information in respect of subordinate offices/undertakings/